Court in Civil Appeal No. 14572 of 1996 *vide* its order dated 14-10-2003 while observing that parity in scales may not be possible, have directed *inter-alia* the Government to take a decision within four months after taking help of an expert if need be, on the extent of relief to be granted to the staff and sub-staff working in the mills.

The Government has asked NTC to make a proposal in conformity with the judgement of the Supreme Court, after due consultation with the petitioners and within the time-limit set.

Women personnel in paramilitary forces

*29. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of women personnel in paramilitary force, Rapid Action Force and Riot Control Police;

(b) whether this number of women personnel in these forces is sufficient to tackle any kind of violent protests, insurgency or rioting in case women are involved on a large scale;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to induct more women personnel in these forces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The present strength of women on general duty in the Central Paramilitary force is as under :—

Sl. No.	Name of the Force	No. of Women Personnel in GD Cadres
1.	BSF	Nil
2.	CRPF (including RAF)	3157
3.	CISF	1557
4.	ITBP	38
5.	Assam Rifles	Nil
6.	SSB	Nil
7.	NSG	15
	TOTAL	4767

However, there are women in all the Central Police Forces in some other cadres like nursing medical, ministerial etc.

The RAF which is a part of CRPF is also provided to the State Governments for riot control duties.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) In the jobs suitable for the women in Central Police Forces, the Government is not against recruiting more women provided they meet the eligibility criteria and get selected on merit.

Communal riots in Gujarat

*30. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of communal riots that took place in Gujarat after Gujarat carnage;

(b) the causes responsible for the recurrence of these incidents in Gujarat; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure peace and communal harmony in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) As per available information 112 communal incidents resulting in killing of 12 persons occurred in Gujarat during the period January-October, 2003 as compared to 134 incidents claiming 977 lives during 2002. The State Government has informed that the causative factors responsible for the incidents during the current year are of trivial nature like altercation between members of two communities over playing of cricket near a temple, escalation of personal disputes, people misled by rumours spread by anti-social elements on arrest of criminals, etc.

The State Government has reported that various measures are being taken by them in order to maintain peace and communal harmony. These include deployment of additional forces in the affected areas, quick and stern handling of incidents, supervision of the *bandobast* arrangement and mobile patrolling by senior police officers and District Magistrates, preventive arrests, holding of Peace Committee and Mohalla Committee